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Re: City of Markham Illegal Dump Site
LPC# 031 177 5095
SF/Tech

Dear Mr. Crosetto:

I am requesting the Region 5 Offices of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) assign an On-Scene Coordinator and consider conducting a time-critical removal action at the City of Markham Illegal Dump Site located in Markham, Cook County, Illinois.

The site occupies approximately 12 acres on the south side of Markham. The illegal dump site is bordered by 159th Street to the north, Dixie Highway to the east, the Calumet-Union Drainage Canal to the south, and Western Avenue to the west. An attached map illustrates the location of the site.

On April 7, 2010, a tire fire was responded to by Illinois EPA's Des Plaines Regional Office. Following the fire, inspections revealed that an estimated 25,000 tires, various construction and demolition debris, drums with unknown liquids, gas cylinders, swimming pool chemicals, and many other types of materials were present. Illinois EPA is currently in the process of removing non-hazardous materials from the site.

Following the removal of the non-hazardous items, it is believed that there may be hazardous material still present on the site. Illinois EPA is seeking the assistance of U.S. EPA in order to identify and subsequently remove any hazardous substances that may be present at this illegal dump site.

Please have your On-Scene Coordinator contact Ken Corkill at (217) 524-1664, Charlene Thigpen at (847) 846-1649, or myself as soon as possible to obtain additional information regarding this referral.

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